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In re application: Johnny M. Hickman      Group Art Unit: 1734  
Serial No.: 10/698,337      Examiner: Sells, James D.  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months (response due March 16, 2006). As this Response is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing dated March 3, 2006, Applicants believe no additional fees appear due. However, if any additional fees are required regarding the filing of this Response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Please reconsider the standing rejections for claims 1-20 in light of the following comments.